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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with David Mulgrew on Early Out Bill

- 1. Today David Mulgrew, Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services, provided an update on the status of S 2197, the Stevens-Roth "early out" bill. He said that the Committee does not plan to hold further hearings on the bill. The staff, however, will continue to revise the bill. The intent of the legislation is to prevent RIFs which are very costly and which impact heavily on employees at the lower end of the pay scale. Additionally, the measure is designed to reduce the Federal workforce.
- 2. Mulgrew is confident that, since Stevens and Roth are the sponsors of the bill, it will be reported out by the Committee and may even be passed by the full Senate this session. He noted that the House has little enthusiasm for the bill and Chairman Ford of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee has expressed his reluctance about moving it.
- 3. We discussed the hiring ceiling aspect of the bill. Mulgrew noted that there is a provision in the bill which specifies that anyone who has another early retirement option may not take advantage of this bill. He thought that CIA might come under that provision. We also discussed the possibility that the national defense exemption might be interpreted to include CIA. He will be actively involved in revising the bill and we agreed to stay in contact as the staff continues its work.

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